(*b*) the percentage of illiteracy in the age group 10-35 years ;

(*c*) the steps the Government have taken to reduce illiteracy ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 31.52 as per 1971 Census.

(*b*) Information on illiteracy in the age group 10-35 years is not available.

(*c*) The question is vague as to the age group it relates to. However :

(i) Government have already promulgated the Mysore Compulsory Primary Education Act, 1961 ;

(ii) Conduct literacy classes for adults through the—

(a) Mysore State Adult Education Council ;

(b) Regional Social Education Committee, Belgaum ;

(c) Pilot Project, Basavakalyan ; and

(d) Functional Literacy Projects in Belgaum, Raichur, Bellary, Bangalore Rural District and Shimoga.

Allotment of School Maintenance Grant

523. Smt. SUMATI B. MADIMAN (Dharwar-Rural).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of school maintenance grant in Rural areas allotted to each district ;

(*b*) the basis on which it is allotted ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) The amount of grant allotted to each District is according to the requirement of the entire District without making any distinction between Rural and Urban areas. Statement showing distribution of funds districtwise is appended.

(*b*) On the basis of previous year's expenditure and forecast for the current year.

(SRI A. R. BADARINARAYANA)

Amount of maintenance grants allotted to each District for the year 1972-73.

	Districts	Aided Secondary Schools.	Local Body Secondary Schools.	Aided Primary Schools.
		(Figures in lakhs).		
1	Bangalore City District.	89.00	13.00	91.00
2	Baugalore Rural District.	30.00	13.00	20.00
3	Kolar	19.04	22.00	12.80
4	Tumkur	36.00	12.50	2.00
5	Shimaga	24.00	20.00	6.50
6	Chitradurga	27.00	13.00	3·00
7	Mysore	37.00	22.27	16.16
8	Mandya	15.00	15.40	2,30
9	Coorg	20.00	0.40	1.89
10	South Kanara	72.00	20.50	120.00
11	Hassan	9.00	20.50	4.00
12	Chickmagalur	12.00	11.00	2.75
13	Gulbarga	14.00	7.50	4.50
14	Bidar	9.00	6.50	2.00
15	Raichur	11.35	6.25	4.25
16	Bellary	17.00	22.00	5.25
17	Dharwar	91.00	15.35	8.50
18	Bijapur	59.00	5.50	1.00
19	Belgaum	90.00	6.00	5.00
20	North Kanara	48.25	3.95	2.75

Appointment of Scheduled Castes an Scheduled Tribes as Assistant Surgeons and Stipendary Surgeons

665. **Sri DODDATHIMMAIAH** (Gulur).—

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of local candidates appointed as Assistant Surgeons and Stipendary Surgeons by the Government during last three years ;

(*b*) the number of them belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe and Backward classes ?